

CARR-580

Taylorsville M. E. Church  
Ridge Road (Rt. 27)

1878

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Taylorsville M. E. Church

and/or common Taylorsville U. M. Church

## 2. Location

street & number Ridge Road (Rte. 27) \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Taylorsville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Carroll \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Taylorsville Church

street & number 4360 Ridge Road \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: 857-4101

city, town Mt. Airy \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 21771

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex \_\_\_\_\_ liber 50

street & number 55 North Court Street \_\_\_\_\_ folio 160

city, town Westminster \_\_\_\_\_ state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

**Summary:** The Taylorsville M.E. Church is located on the west side of Ridge Road (Route 27) about 1/8 mile south of Liberty Road in southwest Carroll County. The church is a one-story, four-bay by three-bay rectangular structure with a rubble stone foundation with quoining, aluminum siding, and asphalt shingle gable roof with northwest-southeast running ridge, and a projecting bell tower on the southeast. The central tower has a pair of six panel doors with a new semi-circular transom above. Above the door is a gabled hood supported on each side by a large bracket. The tower has a hipped roof the same height as the sanctuary roof, and integral with it. The hipped roof is topped by a bell cote that has a hipped roof. On either side of the tower a segmentally-arched stained-glass window. The southwest elevation has four square-headed stained-glass windows that are otherwise identical to those on the southeast, but have stained-glass in the spandrels. The northwest elevation has a new addition built in 1952. The altar and pulpit are on the northwest end, set on a raised dais and surrounded by an altar rail on three sides. The northwest wall has a recessed alcove. There is a cemetery on the southwest and northwest sides of the church.

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The southwest elevation has four square-headed stained glass windows that are otherwise identical to those on the southeast, but have stained glass in the spandrels. In the cellar there are four openings, three with a 1/1 sash in the cellar, and a two light sash over a vent in the north bay. The stained glass above matches the southwest windows. The northwest elevation has a new addition built in 1952, attached below the height of the cornice returns, with nothing above it. There is an exterior brick chimney north of center.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1878 **Builder/Architect** Abel & William Miller, Martin Devilbiss, Mr. Summerfield  
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion

Resource Types: Church, Rural Vernacular

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In trust that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine worship for the use of the ministry & membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America; subject to the Discipline, usage, & ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized & declared by the General Conference of said church & the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate.

Abel Miller, William Miller, Martin Devilbiss, and a Mr. Summerfield contracted to build the church for \$120, and the church agreed to supply materials and haul them. Mr. Alexander of Unionville and Dr. F.J. Crawford donated the timber, and six teams were used for hauling. The church was dedicated on 3 November 1878.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-580

Carroll County Land Records

Scharf, History of Western Maryland, p. 894

Democratic Advocate, 9 November 1878, p. 3, c. 3

Taylorville U. M. Church Centennial Celebration, 1978

"The History of Taylorville M. E. Church, C. Ray Barnes, 1938

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property — 2 a. —

Quadrangle name Winfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state MD

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**Description (continued)**

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The central tower has a landing with eight central steps up to the sanctuary, and five steps down on either side to the fellowship hall. The newel posts are chamfered and have a small bulls-eye medallion on each face, and an urn on top. The balusters are turned. A beaded-edge vertical board wainscot of naturally varnished pine or fir covers the bottom half of the tower walls. Above this, rails and stiles are applied to flat wood, and have narrow ogee panel moulds. The door architrave has a beaded interior edge and a cavetto applied to the outer edge. At the top of the stairs are double doors with six lying panels each, and a cavetto surround. These open into the sanctuary.

The sanctuary has a drop ceiling and pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast. The altar and pulpit are on the northwest end, set on a raised dais and surrounded by an altar rail on three sides. The turned balusters are rather bulbous. The northwest wall has a recessed alcove, flanked by two new six-panel doors, and has varnished oak half-paneling that has flat panels. There is a Gothic Revival altar flanked on each side by an upholstered oak arm chair. The pews are not attached to the floor, and are arranged in three columns, with two aisles. They are oak, and have an applied foliate carving on the ends, at the top of the pew and at the hand rest. The stained glass windows have a cavetto surround.

There is a cemetery on the southwest and northwest sides of the church that is enclosed by brick piers set about eight to ten feet apart, on center, with two horizontal rails of steel pipe between each set of piers. The parsonage is a brick rancher northeast of the church.

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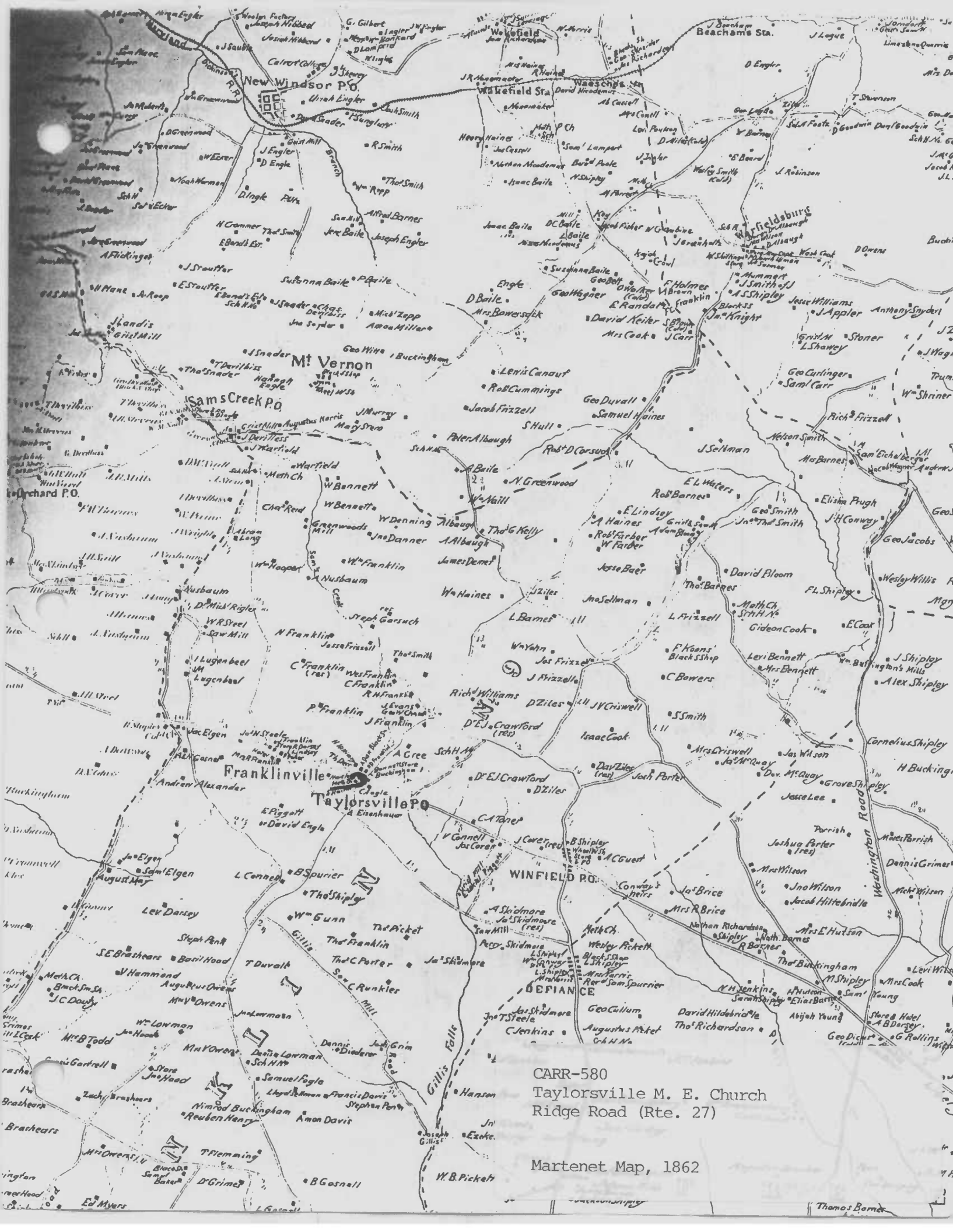
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**Significance (continued)**

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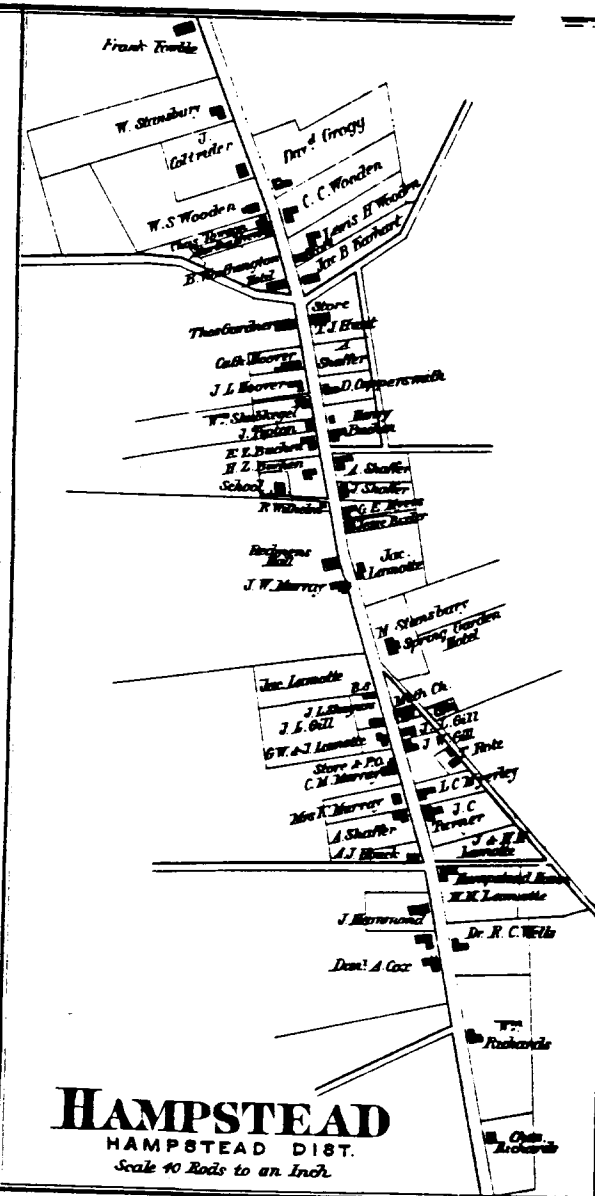
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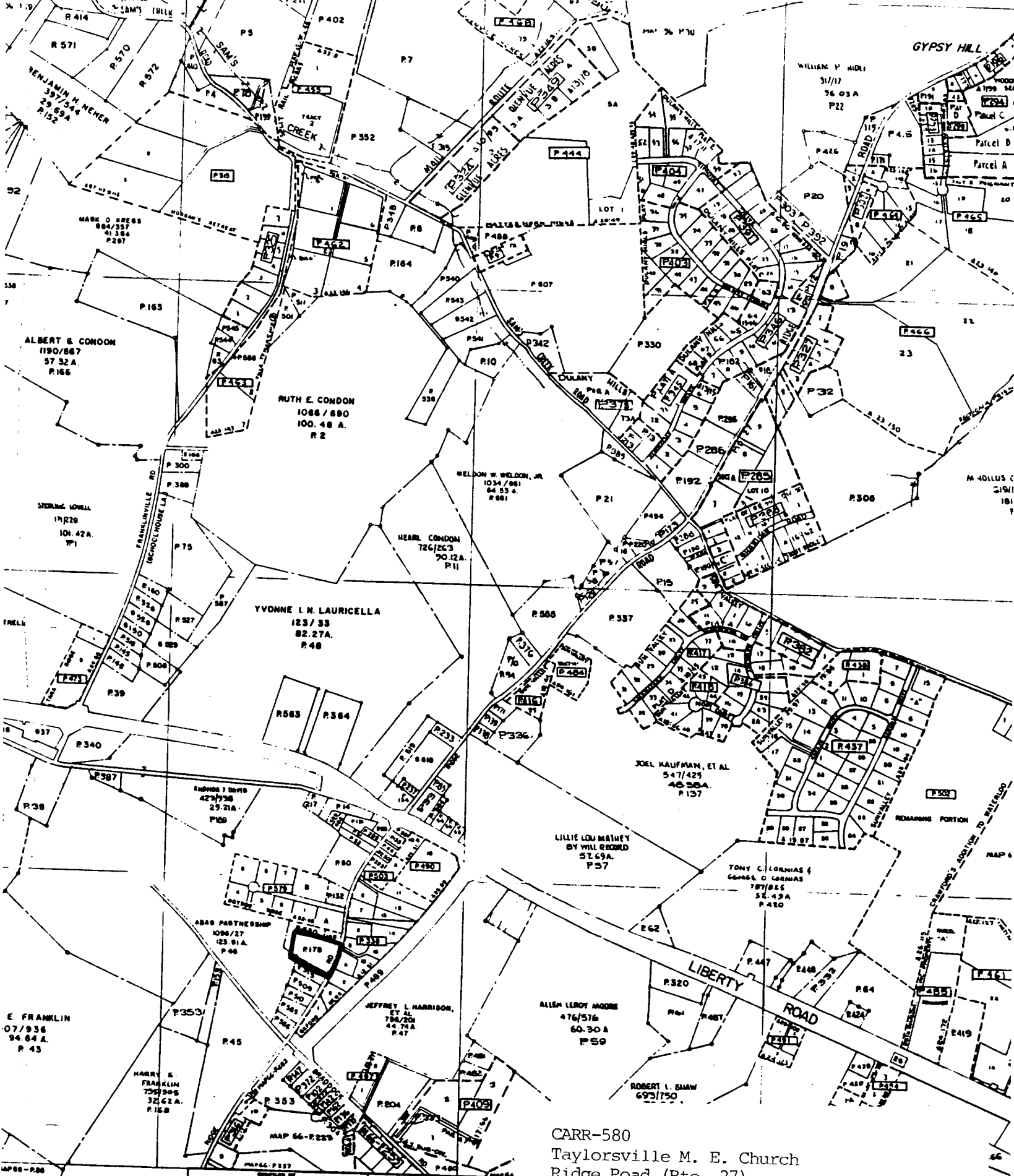
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Lake, Griffin, & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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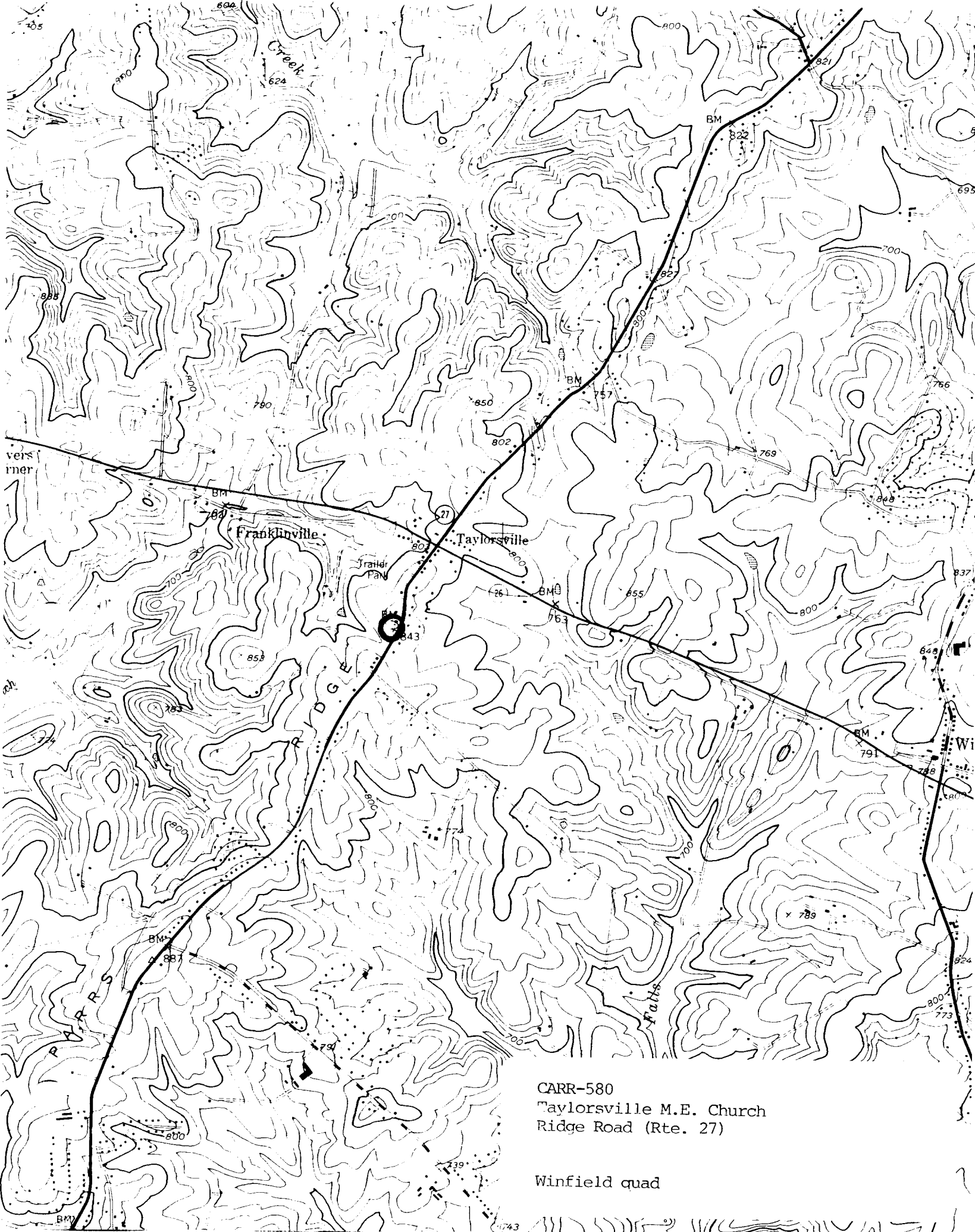
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Southeast: northeast elevations



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interior - view west

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